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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Materiel

26 March 1956

SUBJECT : Trip Report - Film Supply

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for the Record, subject: Trip Report, dtd  
21 March 1956, from Director of Materiel (SAPC-4660)  
B. Memorandum for Project Director of Materiel, dtd  
22 March 1956, Subj: Transportation of Operational  
Film, from Asst. Admin. Offr. (SAPC-4721)

1. I have read with interest your referenced trip report. It sounds as if the logistics meeting at [REDACTED] has been successful.

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2. I am disturbed by the fact which emerges from this report (for example paragraph 7) and which I have mentioned to you before. It is that we may be taking too little initiative on supply matters in this Headquarters and leaving too much initiative to be taken by the 4070th Support Wing, SAC. There would appear to me to be no question here concerning authority or jurisdiction, since supply procedures and logistical plans are always submitted for the approval of this Headquarters. What I really have in mind is that, not only are such tasks as detailed FAK and SLCE lists made up by Colonel Shingler but that, so far as I am aware, the planning and the initial drafts of all of our supply procedures have originated there. The former of these two tasks is one for which we may not have adequate facilities at Headquarters. In any event it is appropriate that specific lists should be developed at [REDACTED] rather than in Washington. I do feel quite strongly, however, that we should be taking the initiative in developing supply procedures and not leaving it to the support organization. The same considerations do not apply with anything like the same force to procedures for the movement of personnel and materiel to overseas locations, since this is a task which will be performed and arranged by the 4070th Support Wing throughout the life of the project.

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3. As a follow-up to the preceding paragraph, I would appreciate if you would prepare a full list of actual and anticipated supply and logistical documents together with an extremely brief (one or two sentence) description of each. I am, of course, familiar with the mobility plan, the resupply procedure for the ZI and (in early draft) the resupply procedure for overseas. I have seen an early incomplete copy of [REDACTED] listings. I am aware that a supply procedure will have to be drafted for film (see following paragraph) and, I assume, for fuel, since neither of these can be handled in our regular supply channel. Beyond these items I am not aware what other documentation is planned or in progress. With the

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list which I have here requested I hope you will indicate the status of each document and will then continue to keep the Deputy Project Director and me advised as to their status.

4. Reference to the specific matter of film supply and resupply I call your attention to Reference B. This is a matter in which your planning should be closely concerted with that of the Operations Division since our arrangements for the transportation of unexposed film and also of chemicals for the 70mm processor from Rochester to overseas bases should probably be closely meshed with the arrangements for the return of exposed film to Rochester for processing there. I am aware that sometime ago the Operations Division prepared a flow chart covering the latter operation and I understand from paragraph 5, Reference B that they are further exploring this subject. I hope to receive from you in the near future a plan for the initial supply of film to [REDACTED] and in due time to receive from you and the Director of Operations a joint proposal for the return of exposed film and the continuing resupply of unexposed film.

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